



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation touching Mariners.



Hereas, by the Lawes of this Realme, euerie Mariner receiving  
Preste-money to serue the King in any of his Shippes, and after refusing to  
serue, or absenting himselfe at the time and place appointed vnto him for  
his service, doth incurre the danger and penalty of felonie and is to be pun-  
ished, and to forfeit as a felon: And wheras his Maiestie, out of his roiall  
bountie, hath lately encreased the wages and entertainment of Mariners  
to be employed in his service, from fourteene shillings to twenty shillings  
the moneth, by a Medium, which he will constantly continue for their en-  
couragement, which is as much as ordinarily they receive in Merchants  
wages, besides the large allowance of virtualls, which they haue in his  
Maiesties Shippes and service, and their dayly hopes of other profits  
and aduantages, and their safety from being taken Prisoners, which in Merchants Shippes in  
these times of Hostilitie, they are dayly subiect vnto: Neverthelesse his Maiestie doth fnde, that ma-  
ny of the Mariners pressed for his service, and hauing receiued preste and conduct money, doe dayly  
taine awaie, and absent themselves from his service, Whereby his Shippes are defauished, and his  
service disappointed, to his Maiesties dishonour, and the dishonour and danger of the State, in these  
times of peril, When the forreigne enemy is ready prepared to inuade & infest his Maiesties Realmes  
and Dominions. His Maiestie therefore in his Princeely Wisedome and prouidence, foreseeing the ex-  
treame perill which may ensue, by the Wilfull and base negleete of people of this qualite, hath  
thought fit, by the aduise of his Counsell of Warre, to admonishe all persons Whom it may concerne,  
That they be carefull at their vtermost perius, that they offend not in any such sort or kunde hereaf-  
ter; And doth hereby straitly charge and command all persons, who shall hereafter bee pressed for his  
service, as Mariners, or otherwise in any of his Shippes or other vessels, and shall receive preste mony  
to that purpose, that they duely repaire and come to the places, and at the times appointed vnto them,  
and there continue in the service vnto which they are severally and respecttively assigued, vpon paine  
of death, and all other such paines, penalties, and forfeitures, as by the Law can be inflicted or impos-  
ed vpon them. And his Maiestie doth hereby straitly charge and command all his Judges, Justi-  
ces, Mayors, Sherifffes, and all other his officers and Ministers of Justice whatsoeuer in their severall  
places, and all Captaines, Maisters, and other officers of, or in any of his Shippes, or other  
Shippes or vessels in his Maiesties paye, That they carefully and diligently obserue and execute  
his Maiesties Lawes and roiall pleasure hereby signified and declared, vpon paine of his Maiesties  
high displeasure, and such other punishments, as by the Lawes of this Realme, or by his Maiesties  
Prerogative Royall can be inflicted vpon them.

Giuen at his Maiesties Court at White-hall, the eighteenth day of June, in the second yeere of his Reigne of  
Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God sauе the King.

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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie. M. D C. XXVI.